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FOR FROWICK FM ANDREWS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. STATE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS. AS THE DISCUSSION DURING THE VEST/JOHANES AND THE NIMETZ/JOHANES MEETINGS INDICATES, WE WILL FIND IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO SECURE APPROVAL OF EVEN MINOR STEPS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS AS US/SOVIET RELATIONS WORSEN AND THE GOC CONTINUES TO STEP UP THE REPRESSION OF DISSIDENTS AND TO TAKE AN INCREASINGLY HARD-NOSED ATTITUDE TOWARD US. WE REALIZE THAT OUR INABILITY TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING CONTRIBUTES TO THE VICIOUS CIRCLE OF STAGNANT OR EVEN WORSE RELATIONS. BUT, GIVEN THE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE HERE, WHICH GLENN NOTICED HAD CONSIDERABLY HARDENED DURING HIS BRIEF TWO-WEEK ABSENCE, WE ARE PESSIMISTIC THAT, FOR INSTANCE, WE WILL BE ABLE TO PRESENT A NEW CLAIMS/GOLD PROPOSAL TO THE GOC IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TO SECURE A UNIFIED, CONFIDENTIAL

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INTERNAL USG POSITION ON THIS ISSUE AND WILL PREPARE TO ACT ON COLLATERAL ISSUES SO AS TO BE READY TO MOVE WHEN CONDITIONS PERMIT. IN THE MEANTIME, WE WELCOME YOUR SUGGESTIONS ON CLAIMS/GOLD AND OTHER ISSUES.

2. BILATERAL COOPERATION IN WASHINGTON. DESPITE THE RECENT STAGNATION IN RELATIONS, WE CONTINUE TO COOPERATE

IN THE USUAL FASHION ON ROUTINE, DAY-TO-DAY MATTERS WITH THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY. RECENT MEETINGS BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AND JOHANEŠ AND KUKAN WERE FRANK BUT CORDIAL. WE TRUST THAT EMBASSY PRAGUE'S WORKING RELATIONS WITH THE GOC CONTINUE AS BEFORE. PLEASE INFORM US IF YOU EXPERIENCE UNDUE DIFFICULTIES. ALSO, IN THIS VEIN, PLEASE KEEP US FULLY INFORMED OF ALL INCIDENTS OF HARASSMENT BY THE GOC AGAINST EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

3. EMBASSY COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER DEPARTMENT OFFICES AND OTHER EXECUTIVE AGENCIES. PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED OF YOUR COMMUNICATIONS WITH OTHER DEPARTMENT OFFICES AND OTHER EXECUTIVE AGENCIES. WE FIND IT EXTREMELY USEFUL TO BE KEPT ABREAST OF THESE COMMUNICATIONS.

4. SORRY I COULDN'T REPLY SOONER TO YOUR QUESTION RE TDY STINT IN BELGRADE. IN ITS SIMPLEST TERMS, THE BASIC DECISION IN WHICH BUD SHERER WAS PRIME MOVER WAS TO WRITE A MEMORANDUM FOR FILE OR A FULL OER IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS IN FORCE. THIS WOULD MEAN THAT TDY IN BELGRADE FOR LESS THAN ONE MONTH WOULD NOT JUSTIFY A MEMORANDUM FOR THE PERSONNEL FILE. KORNBLUM HAS TOLD ME THAT IF YOU BELIEVE SOMETHING SHOULD BE COMMITTED TO PAPER IN REGARD TO YOUR SERVICE AT BELGRADE, CONFIDENTIAL

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EITHER HE OR I COULD ASK BUD SHERER WHETHER HE WOULD BE WILLING TO DO SO, DESPITE THE BREVITY OF YOUR ASSIGNMENT THERE.

5. RE THE COMMENTS IN PARA ONE ABOVE CONCERNING OUR ABILITY/WILLINGNESS TO MOVE AHEAD ON CLAIMS/GOLD, YOU CAN TAKE SOME HEART IN THE FACT THAT BILL LUERS DOES NOT RPT NOT AGREE WITH GEORGE VEST'S VIEW THAT WE SHOULD LINK TIMING OF OUR PRESENTATION OF A NEW PROPOSAL TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION. BILL WANTS US TO CONTINUE MOVING AHEAD IN PREPARING A NEW PROPOSAL. WE SUGGEST THAT THE LONDON CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE WOULD BE A GOOD TIME FOR THE AMBASSADOR TO DISCUSS ALL OF THIS WITH BILL AND THEN WITH GEORGE. CHRISTOPHER

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